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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6087

BILL NUMBER: HB 1289

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2005

SUBJECT: Safety Code Exemption for Hydraulic Elevators.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thomas

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill exempts certain hydraulic elevators from the elevator safety code.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: According to the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), there were 3,099 hydraulic elevators installed prior to January 2, 2003, that serve only one floor (i.e., travels between the 1st and 2nd floors of a building). This total includes hydraulic elevators that serve a basement as well as the 1st and 2nd floors of a building. The SEMA database does not allow them to distinguish between the types of hydraulic elevators that serve only one floor.

The proposal only exempts hydraulic elevators from a single requirement in the elevator code--these elevators would not have to comply with the requirement to install a safety bulkhead for the hydraulic cylinder. Hydraulic elevators would still have to comply with all of the other requirements. Consequently, the proposal would have little, if any, fiscal impact because SEMA would still have to inspect the hydraulic elevators.

Many, if not most, of the 3,099 elevators already have the required safety bulkhead, since it has been a requirement for all new hydraulic elevators since sometime in the late 1980s. Also, a number of the elevators installed prior to the late 1980s date have already been retrofitted to comply with the requirement. The only hydraulic elevators that do not already comply with the requirement would be those elevators installed prior to the late 1980s which have not yet been retrofitted, which is a much smaller number of elevators than 3,099.

Background Information. The national elevator code adopted the requirement to retrofit elevators that were installed before the date that this was required for all new elevators. Indiana adopted the national elevator code containing this requirement effective January 2, 2003. A number of owners have already installed the safety bulkhead.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: SEMA, Department of Fire and Building Services.

Local Agencies Affected:

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